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January 21, 2008

John Moody, US EPA Project Manager
US EPA, Region IX
Waste Management Division
75 Hawthorne Street (WST-4)
San Francisco, California 94105

Re: Designation of Project Manager
Consent Order, Docket No. RCRA(AO)-09-2008-03

Dear Mr. Moody:

Romic Environmental Technologies Corp. ("Romic") is notifying the US EPA that it has selected Mr. Christopher S. Alger as its Project Manager pursuant to paragraph 27 of the above-referenced Administrative Order on Consent. Mr. Alger's contact information is as follows:

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Please contact Mr. Alger if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
For Romic Environmental Technologies Corp.,

Rory Moran
President

cc: Robert P. Hoffman
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Subject Fw: U.S. EPA orders TCE groundwater investigation in Gila River Indian Community

Hi Arlene, the following email was sent to the AZ Congressional delegation, ADEQ and Governor Napolitano's office. I will direct any inquiries to Cheryl Nelson. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks.

----- Forwarded by Jennifer Chicconi/R9/USEPA/US on 12/19/2007 10:10 AM -----

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12/19/2007 10:09 AM

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Subject U.S. EPA orders TCE groundwater investigation in Gila River Indian Community

I am assisting our Congressional Liaison Brent Maier while he is out of the office this week. Please see the following press release below. It will be sent out shortly. Please feel free to contact me at (415) 407-2621 if you have any questions.

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U.S. EPA orders TCE groundwater investigation in Gila River Indian Community

Romic Environmental, Plymouth Tube must research past chemical releases

SAN FRANCISCO - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, working with the Gila River Indian Community, has ordered Plymouth Tube Company and Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation to investigate possible past trichloroethylene releases within the Gila

River Indian Community, near Chandler, Ariz.

Records show that Plymouth Tube, a specialty tubing supplier, used TCE in their operations prior to 2000. It is believed that the groundwater contamination at the Romic facility may be related to the operations of Southwest Solvents, which operated the facility prior to 1988.

"The EPA and the Gila River Indian Community are working closely together to ensure a thorough investigation of contamination on these tribal lands," said Nancy Lindsay, acting waste division director for the EPA's Pacific Southwest region. "With the full cooperation of the tribe, Plymouth Tube Company, and Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation, we want to ensure that this groundwater resource, the tribe's sole source of drinking water, is protected from historic chemical contamination."

Both groundwater investigations are a critical piece of the Gila River Indian Community's North Central Project, which addresses past tribal land and groundwater contamination while protecting natural resources.

Based on current data, the trichloroethylene releases within the Gila River Indian Community are not near any drinking water wells.

"The Gila River Indian Community is pleased to be working closely with the EPA on this contamination site," said Margaret Cook, Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, Gila River Indian Community. "The Community is also working collaboratively with both Romic and Plymouth Tube to design a complete investigation of the contamination site as well as a remediation plan for cleaning up the site."

If the investigations show groundwater contamination linked to these two companies, Plymouth Tube Company and Romic Environmental will be ordered to develop specific groundwater cleanup plans.

TCE has been found in at least 852 of the 1,430 National Priorities List sites identified by the EPA. The chemical is a colorless liquid which is used as a solvent to clean grease from metal parts. Drinking small amounts of TCE for long periods may cause liver and kidney damage, impaired immune system function, and impaired fetal development in pregnant women, although the extent of some of these effects is not yet clear. Skin contact with TCE for short periods may cause skin rashes.

The EPA has set a maximum contaminant level for TCE in drinking water at 0.005 milligrams per liter or 5 parts of TCE per billion parts water which is equivalent to a few drops in a standard size swimming pool. The EPA has regulations for the handling and disposal of TCE.

For more information, please contact: John R. Moody, US EPA Project Manager, (415) 972-3346 or Glenn Stark, GRIC DEQ Water Quality Manager, (520) 562-2234.

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Via Email

12 February 2008

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Re: Request for Submittal Extension
Consent Order, Docket No RCRA (AO)-09-2008-03
Former Romic Environmental Technologies Corp. Facility
Chandler, Arizona

Dear Mr. Moody:

On behalf of Romic Environmental Technologies Corp. ("Romic"), and pursuant to paragraphs 31 and 32 of the above-referenced Administrative Order on Consent, Iris Environmental ("Iris") is compiling Site historical data for use in preparing a Current Conditions Report and is awaiting your request for submittal of a Conceptual Site Model. Per your direction, Iris and Romic are primarily focused at this time on developing and implementing a subsurface investigation sampling program for the Romic Site and the surrounding Allison Road area in accordance with the TRIAD approach. Findings from the subsurface investigation will be combined with historical and recent environmental data to support development of the baseline Conceptual Site Model in accordance with paragraph 32.

It is our recommendation that submittal of the baseline Conceptual Site Model be calendared for a date 45 days after receipt of laboratory data reports from the initial subsurface investigation sampling program. Alternatively, a baseline Conceptual Site Model will be submitted within 60 days of your written notice.

Considering that a key component of a Current Conditions Report is the presentation of recent sampling data from the facility, in addition to the summaries of historical data, it is our recommendation that submittal of a Current Conditions Report follow completion of the baseline Conceptual Site Model. We therefore request that submittal of the Current Conditions Report be calendared for a date 30 days after submittal of the baseline Conceptual Site Model.

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Once the subsurface investigation sampling program is firmly scheduled, we will work with you to finalize the deliverable schedule.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (510)-834-4747 x21 or calger@irisenv.com if you have any questions or comments regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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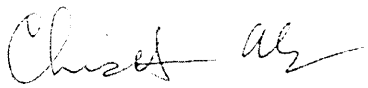

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Wayne Kiso, Clarus Management Solutions
Thomas Suriano, Clear Creek Associates
Glenn Stark, Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality